

PATENT APPLICATION

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		:	Examiner: A. Vo
YOSHINORI KOJIMA, et al.)	
		:	Group Art Unit: 2861
Application No.: 10/642,732)	
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Filed: August 19, 2003)	
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For:	LIQUID CONTAINER,)	
	METHOD FOR DETECTING	:	
	LIQUID AMOUNT IN)	
	LIQUID CONTAINER, AND	:	
	LIQUID EJECTION)	
	RECORDING APPARATUS	:	January 31, 2006

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Sir:

Applicants submit herewith a duly executed Terminal Disclaimer, together with the statutory fee of \$130.00 required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d).

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,

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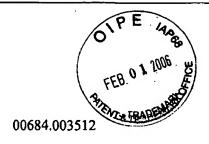
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Sir:

Your petitioner, Canon Kabushiki Kaisha, a corporation duly organized under the laws of Japan, having a principal office at 30-2 Shimomaruko 3-chome, Ohta-ku, Tokyo, Japan, and duly represented by the undersigned, represents that it is the assignee of the full title and interest in and to the above-identified Application No. 10/642,732, filed August 19, 2003, as evidenced by the deed of Assignment recorded on January 15, 2004 at Reel 014886, Frame 0980.

Your petitioner hereby disclaims the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of U.S. Patent No. 6,869,158, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to U.S. Patent No. 6,869,158, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-identified application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

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